

Gr. 1, Theme 8, Story 1  
The Forest, Fluency

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and many other      things we need."

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a big forest fire.      The fires kill the trees      and hurt the animals."

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